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Corrigendum

1. Paragraph 12

   Replace the existing text with the following:

   12. On 6 July 1998, the French Parliament passed a constitutional reform by 827 votes to 31 that inserted two articles, 76 and 77, into the French Constitution. Article 76 provided that the people of New Caledonia would be called upon before 31 December 1998 to express their views on the provisions of the Nouméa Accord. Article 77 provided that, following approval of the Accord, a Constitution would be submitted to a vote in Parliament in order to enable New Caledonia to move forward on the basis of the Nouméa Accord.

2. Paragraph 27

   Replace the existing text with the following:

   27. In February 1999, one year later, the Government of France announced the acquisition of SIMA, an important producer of steel and nickel alloys. The acquisition of SIMA, part of a long-term development strategy, strengthens the position of Eramet within its sector. Under the privatization agreement, 30 per cent of Eramet's New Caledonian nickel unit (SLN) will be transferred to a public organization to be formed by the provinces of New Caledonia. Along with this organization, New Caledonia will take an 8 per cent stake in Eramet. In this way, the New Caledonians will be shareholders in the management of the country's major economic wealth.

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